

## 026 - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

### Operational Summary

#### Mission:

To enhance public safety & welfare, create a sense of security in the community through the vigorous enforcement of criminal and civil laws in a just, honest, efficient and ethical manner and to ensure the provision of financial support for children by enforcing child support orders.

#### At a Glance:

Total FY 2000-2001 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance:	107,178,865
Total Final FY 2001-2002 Budget:	127,275,265
Percent of County General Fund:	5.85%
Total Employees:	1,376.00

#### Strategic Goals:

- Prosecute criminal violations of state law occurring in Orange County in a vigorous, efficient, just & ethical manner.
- Sustain and enhance the enforcement of child support obligations in an efficient and professional manner.
- Achieve substantial compliance with federal and state regulations/mandates.
- Attract and maintain a stable, productive, competent workforce.
- Continue the process to transition Family Support Division (FSD) to a new County agency.
- Continuously improve the responsiveness of the Office of the District Attorney.

#### Key Outcome Measures:

Performance Measure	FY 2000-2001 Results	FY 2001-2002 Target	How are we doing?
<b>AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS BETWEEN CASE FILING AND DISPOSITION</b> <b>What:</b> Measures efficiency of prosecution <b>Why:</b> To determine workload efficiency	On target to meet FY 00/01 goals.	Process of establishing targets underway through 06/30/01.	On target for a Phase III Department
<b>PERCENT OF FILED CASES RESULTING IN CONVICTIONS, PARTICULARLY OF VIOLENT CRIMES</b> <b>What:</b> Measures level of effective, just prosecution <b>Why:</b> To determine effectiveness of prosecution	On target to meet FY 2000/01 goals.	Process of establishing targets underway through 6/30/01.	Excellent conviction rate compared with limited data from comparable counties; need linkage to Court data systems for complete misdemeanor info
<b>PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH PATERNITY ESTABLISHED</b> <b>What:</b> Measures basic service level of Family Support Division <b>Why:</b> Necessary precursor to collecting child support	As of 12/31/00, 88% of the children in our caseload had paternity established under previously existing measurement standards developed by the State.	The method of measuring the number of children with paternity established has been changed by the State. 2002 Plan to develop regular computation of this figure and establish a baseline level.	On Target.
<b>INCREASE NUMBER OF COLLABORATIVE INVESTIGATIONS</b> <b>What:</b> Proactive investigation conducted in concert with other law enforcement agencies. <b>Why:</b> Collaboratively working on investigating crime maximizes effectiveness and efficiency.	On target to meet FY 2000/01 goals.	Meet or exceed FY 2000/01 established targeted outcome.	RGET made high-profile arrests involving an int'l drug ring, home invasion & prevented the murder of an FBI agent. TrackRS implemented the SCILAS (Samples Collected Index Location Activity & Status) database which has improved the effectiveness of DNA evidence analysis & resolved old homicide cases.

## Key Outcome Measures: (Continued)

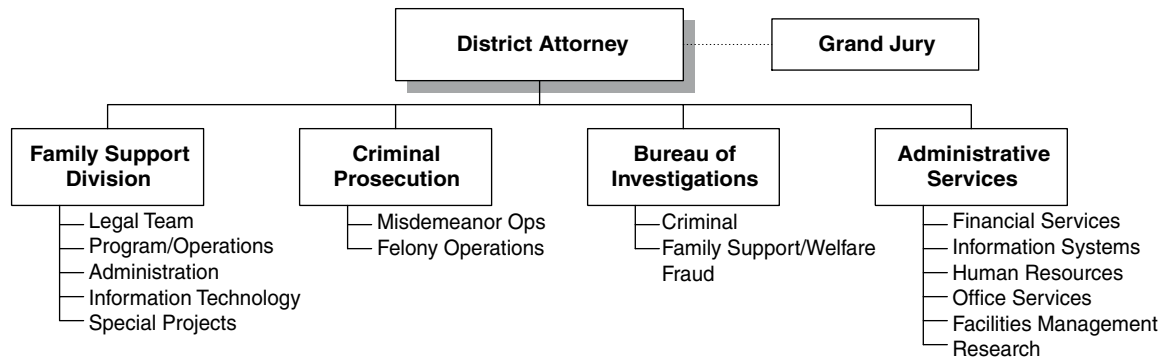
Performance Measure	FY 2000-2001 Results	FY 2001-2002 Target	How are we doing?
<b>PERCENTAGE OF CASES WITH ORDERS OF SUPPORT AND INSURANCE ESTABLISHED</b> <b>What:</b> Measures basic service level for Family Support Division <b>Why:</b> Necessary precursor to collecting child support	As of 12/31/00, 76% of cases had orders of support and medical insurance established.	To have 78% of cases with orders of support established by 12/31/01.	Making steady progress at increasing the percentage of cases with orders of support and medical insurance established.
<b>PERCENTAGE OF CURRENT SUPPORT PAYMENTS COLLECTED</b> <b>What:</b> Measures key service level of Family Support Division <b>Why:</b> Indicates achievement of goal of providing for the welfare of children	As of 12/31/00, 43% of cases with current support-ordered payments were collected.	To have 45% of current support payments collected	Making steady progress at increasing the percentage of current support payments collected.
<b>AVERAGE COLLECTIONS PER CASE</b> <b>What:</b> Measures key service level of Family Support Division. <b>Why:</b> Indicates achievement of goal of providing for the welfare of children.	As of 12/31/00, the average collection per case was \$2,374.	To have a 10% increase to \$2611 as the average collection per case	Making steady progress at increasing the average collection per case.
<b>PERCENT COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS, AS REPORTED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT.</b> <b>What:</b> Measures goal of maintaining compliance <b>Why:</b> Indicates efficient processing of child support cases	The average overall compliance rate was 88.3% with all areas at least 75%.	To maintain all areas at 75% or higher and achieve an overall compliance rate of 80%.	After several years, the Division achieved compliance with state and federal regulations and continues to maintain that success.
<b>COMPLETE A TRANSITION PLAN FOR TRANSFORMING FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION INTO A SEPARATE COUNTY AGENCY.</b> <b>What:</b> Prepares for an orderly transformation with no loss of service to children. <b>Why:</b> To create an agency devoted to providing child support svcs & thereby improve children's lives.	Criminal Division staff has been training FSD in functional areas that will be handled by them as a separate agency such as grant claiming and payroll.	Process of establishing targets underway through 6/30/01.	Transition plan near completion; on target to meet State-established deadline.
<b>RESPONSES OF KEY CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE OFFICE.</b> <b>What:</b> Measures feelings of responsiveness of the District Attorney's Office. <b>Why:</b> To determine quality of partnerships with key criminal justice agencies.	On target to achieve FY 00/01 established targeted outcome.	Process of establishing targets underway through 6/30/01.	On target for a Phase III department.

## Fiscal Year 2000-01 Key Project Accomplishments:

- Continued proactive efforts to collaboratively address Gang crime in Orange County. FY 2000/2001 efforts included establishing TARGET team in Tustin; formation of County's SMART (School Mobilization and Resources Team); as well as continued success of RGET (Regional Gangs Enforcement Team).
- TracKRS has designed and implemented the SCILAS (Samples Collected Index Location, Activity & Status) database. This project is the only blood sample collection database of it's kind in the nation, organizing the offender blood collection process for all of the county's law enforcement agencies.
- Successfully established an interim plan to respond to the January 2001 South/Harbor Justice Center consolidation without impacting integrity of prosecution.
- Increased FY 1999/2000 Child Support Collections 19.9% over FY 1998/99 to \$143.3 million.
- Continued restructuring the Family Support Division operations, including the establishment of the Telephone Answer Service Center (TASC) which drastically expanded the number of clients able to contact the Office via telephone. This endeavor supported by TASC staff trained and empowered to deal effectively with client problems over the telephone.
- In its first year of operation, the Government and Community Relations Unit successfully increased grant funding to the Office.
- Maintained Family Support Division's activity compliance to State and Federal regulations.

- Continued efforts to transition the Family Support Division to a new County agency, including the formation of a local transition team.
- Received Board of Supervisors approval for leasing building to consolidate Family Support Division operations.
- Continued active outreach and community education efforts with a particular focus on the Hispanic and Vietnamese communities.

## Organizational Summary



**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES** - This Division provides administrative and technical support for the other five Office divisions. This support includes accounting, budgeting, computer systems, human resources services, facilities management, office services, purchasing, research, and compliance review/audit.

**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS** - The Bureau consists of law enforcement personnel who provide investigative and other related technical services for the agency's prosecutors. Investigators conduct proactive investigations, specialty investigations, follow-up investigations, interviewing and subpoenaing of witnesses and ensuring that they are able to appear in court.

**FELONY OPERATIONS I** - Effective FY 2001/02, Felony Operations I will be reported under Criminal Prosecution (DAMC).

**FELONY OPERATIONS II** - Effective FY 2001/02, Felony Operations II will be reported under Criminal Prosecution (DAMC).

**FAMILY SUPPORT** - This Division handles all aspects of child support establishment and enforcement. Its main focus is to collect and distribute child support monies. If the non-custodial parent fails to respond, the attorney section utilizes available civil and criminal alternatives to enforce compliance with legally issued court orders.

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT** - The Criminal Prosecution Division (DAMC) handles the prosecution of felony and misdemeanor cases. Effective FY 2001/02, Felony Ops I, Felony Ops II and Misdemeanor Operations will be reported under this activity (DAMC).

Felony Operations I handles most of the felony cases of the Office. The new, centralized Felony Charging Unit is designed to make the filing of felony cases more efficient and consistent. Less complex felony cases are sent to the Felony Panel for further processing. More complex, specialized cases are handled by the Homicide, Sexual Assault, Family Protection or TARGET/Gang Units.

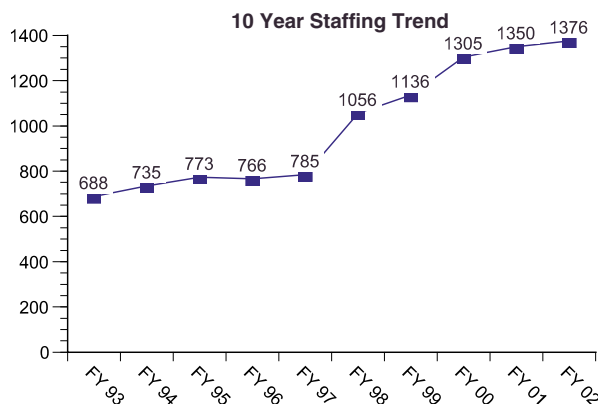
Felony Operations II contains vertical prosecution units handling Economic Crimes (auto theft and auto insurance fraud, workers' compensation fraud and other types of fraud), Consumer and Environmental Protection cases (scams against consumers, creation of environmental hazards), specialized narcotics cases (major vendors, methamphetamine lab seizures, etc.), career criminal cases, and

welfare fraud criminal prosecutions. The Law and Motions Unit, which handles the writing of writs and appeals and other court motions is also located in this Division. The Felony Projects Unit handles special and sensitive cases (such as election code violations and other cases with political overtones).

Misdemeanor Operations oversees the criminal prosecution of adult misdemeanor crimes in each of the five Justice Centers, as well as, the operations of the Juvenile Unit. Between new filings and the completion of existing cases, the Division handles approximately 55,000 misdemeanor cases annually, and the vast majority of the 12,000 juvenile petitions presented to the Office each year.

**MISDEMEANOR OPERATIONS** - Effective FY 2001/02, Misdemeanor Operations will be reported under Criminal Prosecution (DAMC).

### Ten Year Staffing Trend:



### Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- Significant staffing highlights in FY 00/01 include:
- the approval of 3 limited-term positions on 7/18/00 to support the prosecution of Underground Storage Tank enforcement cases;
- the funding of one additional Paralegal position by the State Board of Control for the Restitution Program (Board approval on 8/22/00);
- by board approval on 11/7/00, the budgetary transfer of 63 Welfare Fraud positions from the District Attorney's Office to the Social Services Agency and the conversion of four extra-help staff to limited-term status;
- the addition of 3 positions by the Board on 12/19/00 for the prosecution of Welfare Fraud crime;

- the augmentation of 3 positions to support the County's Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan, pursuant to AB 1913; and
- the approval by the Board of Supervisors on 1/23/01 to add 23 new positions in the Family Support Division to implement the new Customer Service Enhance Program which was mandated by the State in November 2000 to be implemented by February 7, 2001.

## Budget Summary

### Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

As the only public safety agency operating in all areas of the County, the Office of the District Attorney will take the lead in implementing programs to enhance the core business of public safety and security. The Office has devoted significant resources to the strategic priority of Gang Crime Prevention, proactively initiating a Regional Gang Enforcement Team in response to the rise in gangs claiming financial, rather than physical, territories. The Office has also devoted considerable resources to achieving the Strategic Priority of an Integrated Criminal Justice System. Another Strategic Priority the Office proactively supports is the Watershed and Ocean Water Monitoring Program. The Office has also been involved in aspects of the Strategic Priorities involving the South County Courthouse, Juvenile Facilities and the Preventative Agenda.

The Family Support Division will strive to improve effectiveness and efficiency in order to continue to operate at zero Net County Cost.

### Changes Included in the Base Budget:

Office of the District Attorney Criminal Division:

On July 18, 2000 the Board of Supervisors approved 3 Limited-Term positions to support the prosecution of Underground Storage Tank enforcement cases.

The State Board of Control provided funding for one additional Paralegal position for the Restitution Program. This position was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2000.

As a result of Board of Supervisors action on November 7, 2000, the Welfare Fraud Investigative staff, 63 positions, were budgetarily transferred from the Office of the District Attorney to the Social Services Agency. The Office of the District Attorney continues to be responsible for recruitment, hiring and supervision of these employees. Also on November 7, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved the conversion of four Extra-Help positions to Limited-Term status.

On December 19, 2000 the Board of Supervisors approved three additional positions for the prosecution of Welfare Fraud crime. These positions are budgeted in the Office of the District Attorney.

On February 6, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved four additional positions to support Orange County's Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan, developed pursuant to AB 1913.

Office of the District Attorney Family Support Division:

Chapter 4 of Assembly Bill 150, §10080 (b) (2) requires all counties to implement an approved automated child support system. On September 12, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved 20 additional positions to staff the conversion of Orange County's child support system to the Los Angeles District Attorney's ARS automated child support system.

On November 14, 2000, the Board of Supervisors approved a lease agreement for the 1015/1055 N. Main Street, Santa Ana building. The move, scheduled for Fall 2001, will consolidate Family Support Division staff currently located in three buildings.

In November 2000, the State mandated all counties to enact a Customer Service Enhancement Program by February 7, 2001. On January 23, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved 23 additional positions in the Family Support Division to implement Orange County's enhancement program.

### Approved Budget Augmentations and Related Performance Results:

Unit/Amount	Description	Performance Plan	Ref. Num.
<b>Proposition 36 Implementation Amount:\$ 454,629</b>	With Prop 36 slated for enforcement on 7/1/01, five Atty IIIs are needed to comply with the new law.	Provide adequate staffing to implement Proposition 36.	026-002
<b>Additional Positions for FSD Amount:\$ 1,111,572</b>	27 additional positions to comply with gov't mandates, consistent with the CEO Assessment Study.	Continue to achieve substantial compliance with State and Federal mandates.	026-003
<b>Regional Mobile Gang Enforcement Team (RGET) Amount:\$ 1,937,863</b>	Add 2 positions & recognize grant award to Regional Mobile Gang Enforcement Team.	None	026-004

### Final Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 1999-2000 Actual Exp/Rev <sup>(1)</sup>	FY 2000-2001 Final Budget	FY 2000-2001 Actual Exp/Rev <sup>(1)</sup>	FY 2001-2002 Final Budget	Change from FY 2000-2001 Actual	
					Amount	Percent
Total Positions	N/A	1,350	N/A	1,375	1,375	0
Total Revenues	89,264,840	116,921,225	104,033,372	123,644,503	19,611,131	19
Total Requirements	92,088,081	120,096,736	106,381,636	127,275,265	20,893,629	20
Net County Cost	2,823,241	3,175,511	2,348,264	3,630,762	1,282,498	55

(1) Amounts include prior year expenditures and exclude current year encumbrances. Therefore, the totals listed above may not match Total FY 2000-01 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance included in the "At a Glance" section.

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: DISTRICT ATTORNEY in the Appendix on page 392.

## Budget Units Under Agency Control

No.	Agency Name	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS	FELONY OPERATIONS I	FELONY OPERATIONS II	FAMILY SUPPORT	EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT	MISDEMEANOR OPERATIONS	TOTAL
026	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	15,467,775	20,342,136	30,956,250	0	60,509,104	0	0	127,275,265
116	NARCOTIC FORFEITURE & SEIZURE	2,279,775	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,279,775
122	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TASK FORCE	3,675,859	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,675,859
14H	DA'S SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SVCS	1,085,120	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,085,120
<b>Total</b>		22,508,529	20,342,136	30,956,250	0	60,509,104	0	0	134,316,019